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For: PSEUDOTYPED RETROVIRUSES			

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND SPECIES ELECTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 31, 2007, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-13), drawn to the technical feature of a pseudotyped retrovirus. Additionally, with respect to the first species election, Applicants elect the retroviral core and control elements from Mo-MuLV. Applicants further elect, as the species of biomolecule, a protein.

Furthermore, with respect to the species elections, it is understood that (a) the requirement will be withdrawn upon the finding of an allowable genus; and (b) any species withdrawn from consideration will be transferred to the elected subject matter unless it is found patentably distinct from the elected or allowed claims.

Claims encompassing the elected invention include claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-11, and 13. Of these, claims 1, 5, 8-10, and 13 are generic with respect to both species; claims 2 and 11 are generic with respect to the species of biomolecule, and claim 6 is generic with respect to the species of retroviral core and control elements.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of any non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

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